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In re Application
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PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
NOBUYUKI MATSUMOTO ET AL.



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Docket No. 03500.015739.

Application No.: 09/944,137

Examiner: Lam S. Nguyen

Filed: September 4, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2853

For: LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD, LIQUID
DISCHARGE APPARATUS, VALVE
PROTECTION METHOD OF THE
SAME LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD
MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

Date: February 12, 2004

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
The Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 7	MINUS	** 20	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 2	MINUS	*** 3	= 0	x \$43 \$86	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT—						\$0.00

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

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- Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

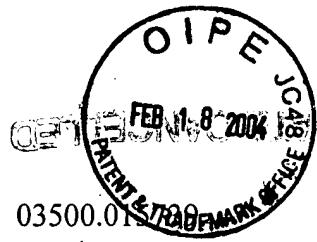


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 5.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

February 12, 2004

(Date of Deposit)

LEONARD P. DIANA (Reg. No. 29,296)

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February 12, 2004

Signature

Date of Signature